GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:123
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2001
VISIT OF HOME MINISTER TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has paid visit to Germany and Turkey and held discussions on various issues of bilateral interest including security related issues;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof, country-wise; and

(c) the extent and manner in which the help by these countries, particularly Germany, in security related matters is likely to be useful for our security forces?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement to be laid on the Table of the House in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.123 for 31.7.2001 regarding Visit of Home Minister to Foreign Countries.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): During his visit to Germany (24.6.2001 to 27.6.2001) and Turkey (28.6.2001 to 30.6.2001), Home Minister held wide-ranging discussions with his counterparts on issues relating to internal security and other matters of mutual interest. He also signed, on behalf of the Government of India, Extradition Treaties with both these countries.

In Germany, there was appreciation and understanding of India`s concern to fight international terrorism. Germany agreed to coordinate with India its position on the International Convention on Terrorism tabled by India in the UN.

In Turkey, there was a complete convergence of views on the dangers of international terrorism and both countries condemned the States sponsoring terrorism. The two countries agreed that there could be no justification for terrorism in any form, and emphasized their determination to fight international terrorism in all its manifestations. There was also agreement on certain practical steps for putting in place cooperation between the security agencies of the two countries.